

Public Comment Sheet

EPA is interested in your comments on the proposed cleanup plan for the Johns Manville Superfund site. You may use the space below to write your comments, then fold and mail the form. Or, you may submit comments on your own paper.

Comments must be postmarked by March 12, 2012. You may submit your comments to Mike Joyce at joyce.mike@epa.gov or fax to 312-385-5531. You can also submit comments on the Web at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/jmanville/pubcomment.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Joyce at 312-353-5546, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

Favor alternative 5 - What is "clean soil"? Will sand be Lake Michigan beach soil? Will native plants be local genotype? What type of soil is compacted & what does compacted mean? Will there be assessment of flora & fauna (current)? How will the wetland be restored?

Some of the native vegetation prefers beach sand over other types of sand (sea rocket, seaside spurge). Beach sand is highly preferable. The soil in this area is primarily sand. Clay & black top soil are not suitable. Native plants have root systems that may exceed 15 feet. A clay cap and/or geotextile may/will inhibit survival of the plants used for restoration. Using non-native & plants that are not local genotype is not acceptable because of the closeness of the IBSP Nature Preserve. Local insects are highly dependent on native vegetation as a food source. IBSP & the Waukegan Dunes are highly diverse areas which are home to many E & Ts. Introduction of non-native soil, plants & animals may jeopardize the diversity of this area. Plants such as crown vetch for soil stability is not acceptable because of its invasiveness. Mernum grass, sand reed grass, little bluestem, beach wormwood, St Johnswort etc are native plants but don't provide thick ground cover. Plants of the lake shore community do not produce thick vegetation so I wouldn't expect a thick

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ground cover from native vegetation. Once the area is restored periodic monitoring will be required for non-native & invasive species.